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**CENTURY CAREER CENTER/LOGANSPORT HIGH SCHOOL  
NAMED ONE OF 25 MODEL HIGH SCHOOLS NATIONALLY**

Century/LHS has been selected as one of 25 model high schools nationwide, and the only high school in Indiana, to participate in a project sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers, Washington, D.C., and the International Center for Leadership in Education, Rexford, NY. The project, "Models, Networks and Policies to Support and Sustain Rigor and Relevance for All Students", will gather information on how outstanding high schools provide all students with a rigorous and relevant education. LHS/Century will share their successful practices at the 2006 Model Schools Conference in Kissimmee, Florida, on June 25-28. Over 5,000 educators from across the nation will participate in this 14<sup>th</sup> annual conference.

Century/LHS is specifically recognized for "providing a unified vision of continuous improvement for both schools and a high level of competence". The administrative team has been noted as "Uniquely competent and unified" as they share a common vision, mission and goals. Likewise, the teachers are cited as "collaborative between the two schools in a positive working relationship that rarely exists at this level".

LHS/Century is also a member of the International Center's Successful Practices Network. Through the Network, the professional staff of Century/LHS has the opportunity to exchange best instructional practices, successful methodologies and peer support with other member schools.

The seven initiatives at Century/LHS that have been recognized and shared on a national level include:

- Administrative Conceptual Models ©
- Learning Curve © - Goal Setting Professional Development
- Career Majors' pathways and ladders (including Online Intervention Charts ©
- Freshman Academy (Lunch Bunch © and SSP academic interventions)
- Parent University ©
- Senior Projects
- Student Climate Survey

Of particular interest to the Center for Leadership are the emerging efforts with English Immersion summer school and Summer Camp for students majoring in Advanced Manufacturing. These initiatives will be studied and duplicated as they mature in effectiveness for academic achievement.

Network Executive Director Ray McNulty describes the collaboration as “a way to link committed educators and district leadership with like-minded practitioners across the country. These schools have enormous expertise in specific areas to share. The idea behind the Network is to connect schools with other schools that can offer expertise and solutions.”

Following attendance by Mr. Hagen and Dr. Antonelli at Indiana’s High School Summit, June, 2005, these two school leaders submitted the application to join the Successful Practices Network. The campus of Century/LHS immediately became recognized nationally and connected with a group of over 500 high schools across the country that are learning and sharing best practices.

Criteria for selection as a Model School include a learning environment that promotes high achievement, use of data to make instructional decisions, a rigorous and relevant curriculum, personalized instruction, increased student learning time and parent and community involvement. The International Center for Leadership in Education identified Century/LHS for inclusion in the project based on its innovative thinking and best practices.

This year’s Model Schools Conference will attract education leaders who will convene to learn about exemplary schools from across the country. Being recognized as a Model School is a noteworthy distinction. Case studies prepared by the International Center serve as a resource for educators and policymakers. Additional details are available at [www.leadered.com](http://www.leadered.com) .